

Italy Will Cause Crucial Events Within Decade

Alsace Wishes to Become a French Province

POSITION EXPLAINED

Colonial Aspirations of Italy Cause Anxiety to League and World

"Mussolini thinks in terms of war, not of peace," said Alan Edson in his paper, "Italy as a Menace to the World Peace," which he read to the League of Nations Club at their meeting in Strathcona Hall last night. In addition to the talk given by Edson, Pierre Weissenberg addresses the Club on the subject of "Minorities." Before explaining the Italian imperial philosophy of Mussolini, Edson described the condition of Italy before the advent of the Fascist supremacy. Italy was economically backward, nationally decadent, and deteriorating socially. Graft was rife in parliament and municipal government.

Mussolini brought new life and aspirations with him, but also political despotism. Patriotism was no longer spontaneous; glamour and magnificence were flaunted before the Italian populace to make them forget their troubles in an exuberant flow of patriotic spirit. Mussolini brooked no opposition; anti-Fascist newspapers were suppressed, and political gents have been spread in European countries to watch for anti-Fascist movements.

Fascism Pre-Eminent

Mussolini's ideal is to regenerate the world with his Fascist policy and Italy is the tool he intends to use. Consequently he has built up her industry and taken measures to ensure an increase in population, an essential factor to an aspiring nation. The Fascist leader was dissatisfied with her concessions at the Treaty of Versailles, and his colonial aspirations, which he does not attempt to hide, are causing great anxiety to the League in particular and the world in general. His attitude may be compared to that of the Kaiser in 1914. Mussolini's ideals are militaristic, and he said in 1927 that the Italian army, navy, and air force must be perfected if Italy is to fulfill her objects.

The time, when she will be able to make herself felt, said Il Duce, will be between 1935 and 1940, which will be a crucial time for Europe.

Italy's colonial aspirations lie in the North of Africa, where she has her eyes on Algiers, Abyssinia, and Tunis. Algiers is wanted as a naval base. Already she has set her foot in the Balkans by concluding an advantageous treaty with Albania, and by making a loan to Roumania. Italy

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Humour Department Is Not For Toronto

Say Professors When "Varsity" Interviews

Toronto, Dec. 5.—"Unless a Falstaff be obtained to conduct it, I do not think there is much use attempting to establish the faculty," said Professor McDonald, when interviewed by "The Varsity" on the feasibility of introducing a Chair of Appreciation of Humour into the University of Toronto as suggested in Friday's editorial. "It is a humorous suggestion, but outside of that it is of no importance," he added.

"There is nothing more pathetic than forced humour. Like all things of the spirit, humour comes by grace not by art," stated Professor Sissons of Victoria College. The professor even quoted Scripture to illustrate his point. "The wind bloweth where it listeth; you know," he said.

Another professor who did not wish to have his name divulged, had some unusual views on the subject. He thought that the best person to occupy the Chair of Appreciation of Humour would be one who did not exercise his sense of humour in his own life, and to prove his contention, he mentioned the milk-making Charlie Chaplin, who is one of the unhappiest men in Hollywood. The same donor claimed that students had to have a sense of humour, otherwise they could not endure four years of college lectures, but he deplored the fact that there is not a sufficient quantity to be found among the students.

Large Audience Greeted "Stew's" Jazz Orchestra

The soft strains of sweet music enthralled the large and celebrated audience who assembled in the Union, to enjoy the Jazz Tea, sponsored by Stew Hungerford and his Union Informal entertainers consisting of Stew (himself) at 3rd saxophone, the renowned Sam J. Goodman and his silver throated violin case, W. G. McConnell with his sax assisted by Sid (Traps) Setgel, "Sax" Howard, Bob Manson at the piano and Cal Johnson banjoist.

Even the hard boiled rugbists, such as St. Germain, McTeer and Talpis, were on the verge of tears at the strains of "Moonin' Low." Amongst the other celebrities present were: Munroe Bourne, Gordie Hutchison, G.B. Craig, Charlie Yule, the oldest living undergraduate, Gordon Nairn, Pinkie McMaster and his brown derby, Charlie Drew and Dave Lloyd.

Stew's band showed up favourably as the successor to the unforgettable Jazz Asper as the College Jazz orchestra, Bob Mansons runs on the piano send cold shivers down your spine. Goodman is hard to beat at the violin and we all know Stew's hot solos on his saxophone. The popularity of the heptet was shown by the crowded Cafeteria presenting a sight for sore eyes for Stew.

Prizes Donated For Speeches

Piano and Violin Solos Gain Hearty Applause

R.V.C. MUSIC CLUB

Misses Rolly, Ross, and Fernyough Star in Impromptu Speaking

Three-minute talks on subjects of interest to the musical world featured the program of the R.V.C. Music Club, which held a meeting yesterday afternoon before a large and appreciative gathering. In addition to impromptu speeches, a musical program consisting of a piano and a violin solo and several songs served to give the audience an entertaining hour.

Three prizes were offered by Miss Lichenstein for the best speeches made by those participating in the speaking contest. Miss Rolly won the first prize with her lively description of "Montreal Audiences"; Miss D. J. Ross' appreciation of the "McGill Band" drew the second prize, and the third prize fell to Miss Fernyough who spoke on "Jazz". In giving the awards Mrs. Vaughan criticized the speeches, the chief fault of which, in her opinion, was their tendency to colloquialism—a result of the loose habits in conversation common in this age.

The audience responded heartily to the musical offerings of the afternoon. The piano solo, played by Miss Margaret Cameron was "To Spring" by Grieg. Miss Mary Friedman gave two songs by Brahms, "Cradle Song" and "The Smith", and one by Liza Lehman, "Daddy's Sweetheart"; and Miss Beatrice Earle played Max Bruch's "Adagio" on the violin. Miss Neighorn presided at the meeting, and Mrs. Vaughan and Miss MacKenzie acted as judges for the speaking contest. Tea was served at the conclusion of the meeting.

"Dear Brutus" Cast Entrain For Quebec

Play to be Presented at Chateau Frontenac

The advance guard of the Players' Club party which is going to Quebec to present "Dear Brutus" in the Chateau Frontenac tomorrow night left Montreal last night. It included: George How, Richard Eve, Charlie Yule, Kenneth Dunn, and Philip Sise.

The remainder of the group will leave on the night train tonight. It comprises: Eileen Peters, Hazel Howard, Kathleen Pinney, Kathleen Barry, Phoebe Nobbs, Phyllis Lyth, Anna Dale, Chick Parrish, Cluny Dale, and the director, Mrs. Sise. Most of the people will be quartered in private homes for the two or three days' stay. The return trip will be made Sunday afternoon.

Environment More Important Than Heredity

Dr. Bridges Lectured at Mechanics' Institute

WELL RECEIVED

Common View of Inheritance of Mental Disease Much Exaggerated

"Mental health is dependent on the formation of healthy and desirable habits, that is to say, of healthy adjustments to authority, to reality, to all external situations, in other words, to environment." This was the statement of Dr. J. W. Bridges, Associate Professor of Abnormal Psychology in this University, lecturing upon, "Environmental Factors in Mental Health" at the Mechanics' Institute last night.

Dr. Bridges then outlined how much of a person's makeup may be ascribed to environment, how much to heredity. He stated that to heredity may be ascribed the anatomical structure of the individual since this is decided by the elements of the original cell from which the individual develops.

The mind of the individual, however, is quite different. Thought takes place by means of connection between the nerve cells of the brain. These cells are present in approximately equal numbers in all normal babies. Therefore it depends upon this environment as to just how many of these connections exist and how thoroughly the yare made.

Environment Important.

Some individuals may possess a slightly greater capacity to form these environment. Thus a person with only be fully developed by a proper environment. Thus a person with somewhat less than normal capacity may appear even above normal in intelligence if his or her environment have been conducive to full and healthy development.

Reflexes such as the well known knee-jerk, sneezing or the early vocalizing of an infant are undoubtedly inherited, that is to say, the nerve connections for their performance exist at birth. Ability to walk is also believed by psychologists to be inherited, to the extent that the child will walk naturally as soon as its muscles are strong enough to support it.

Habits of skill such as talking, writing, or dancing and emotional habits, that is, likes and dislikes are all learned by experiment and practice, for instance the taste for beer is acquired only by practice and by association with congenial circumstances. Fear and anger are learned and acquired habits, and although there may be an early hereditary tendency, this so-called "instinct" of feeding, of self-defense, and of mating are also gradually acquired.

Habit Formation.

As regards the learning or acquiring (Continued on page three)

Music Association Announces Concert

All Organizations to Provide Numbers

The McGill Musical Association will hold its first concert of the season on December 12 at Moyse Hall. As practically all the musical organizations under the control of the Association plan to render at least one item, everything speaks for a very successful evening.

Although the band has been having difficulties in securing full turn-outs, the small numbers of the bandmen will be made up for by the quality of their playing.

Having had few practices the Choral Society will be unable to appear as a choir, but will be represented by several soloists.

The Banjo-Mandolin Club have been practising ardently for their radio concert as well as for the Musical Association, and will present a pleasing repertoire.

Individual artists who will be headlined are Lawrence Hart piano soloist, and the famous McGill concert trio, R. A. Sancton, E. H. Sancton, and S. J. Goodman.

Balanced Meal Topic of Abbotsford Address

Miss Alice Stuckwood, Lecturer in Dietetics and Institutional Administration at Macdonald College will lecture tomorrow on the "Well Balanced Meal" at an afternoon meeting of the Women's Institute of Abbotsford, Quebec.

Piano Recital To Be Given By Paul De Markey

Paul de Markey, a member of the staff of the McGill Conservatorium of Music, will give a concert recital on Jan. 11, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. It was announced today. There will be a reduction in prices for students, as has been the custom in the past.

Next Sunday, Dec. 8, Mr. de Markey will be heard at Moyse Hall, where he will play two of Chopin's sonatas. This recital will commence at nine o'clock.

Mr. de Markey will be remembered for brilliant concerts of last season and his splendid work with the Montreal Symphony Orchestra.

This prominent young pianist began his musical studies at the age of four. At fifteen he became an artist pupil of famous teacher Stephen Thoman, who had studied under Liszt. While working under Professor Thoman, de Markey also attended the University of Law from which he graduated. The call of music, however, soon proved stronger than that of a law office, and the young pianist soon left his new profession to take up a musical career.

At the time of de Markey's debut in Budapest, Prof. Thoman remarked of him "Paul de Markey is one of the best pianists of the younger generation. He has profound poetic sense and an admirable technique. In his reading of Chopin III may compare him with the greatest." The "Landscape Chronicle" described his recital as "A priceless experience." A prominent Vienna critic wrote that he was perfect interpreter of the "passion of Schumann and the grace of Chopin."

Commerce '31 Debates Start

Initial Contest to Get Under Way Monday Week

TROPHY SOUGHT

Both Serious and Humorous Topics to be Dealt With by Juniors

The debating season for the Commerce Juniors will get under way in a little over a week when the newly formed society will hold its first debate. The topic chosen for their initial venture is one dealing with the question of Canadian Immigration. Audet and George Taylor will uphold the affirmative of the resolution which reads as follows: "Resolved that a favourable British and restrictive European Immigration Policy is in the best interests of Canada." The resolution will be opposed by G. Collins and G. Ward. The question promises to be of great interest, as it has been the subject of a great deal of controversy amongst Canadian statesmen, and other prominent people. Al Edson and Phil Foran have consented to judge the first debate.

Adhering to its policy of introducing topics of a more or less humorous nature into their program, the Society has picked on an old favourite among the Ritz students for the subject of their second debate, which will take place on the 18th, two days after the first. The fact that Commercial's themselves are to hold forth on the subject promises to make it more than ordinarily interesting. He'll and Neamtan will attack the much maligned School of Commerce, whilst Shackel and Hutchison will attempt to justify its existence at McGill and will be out to prove that it indeed forms a component part of the University.

Trophy Suggested.

The Commercial Society will be approached in connection with a trophy for the winning team. It was felt that the existence of a cup or some such trophy would add zest to the contests, and a little more encouragement to the debaters.

There are twenty men taking part in the activities of the Society, and (Continued on page three)

Philosophical Society

The next meeting of the McGill Philosophical Society will be held in the Faculty Room of the Arts Building at 8 o'clock on Monday, Dec. 9. Associate Professor A. H. S. Gillson, M.A. of the Department of Mathematics will lead the discussion on the chapters dealing with gravitation in Edington's book, "The Nature of the Physical World". All members of the Faculty and the student body are invited to attend.

Langlais And Hurd Artists' At Music Club

Songs and Piano Selections Make Up Program

LAWRENCE HART

Miss M. Munn to Play at Recital on December 19th

Paul Langlais and Warren Hurd contributed the music at the second concert held in the Ball Room of the Union last night under the sponsorship of the Music Club. Paul Langlais, a baritone sang two groups of songs, accompanied by Lawrence Hart. Warren Hurd gave two sets of piano selections. A small but enthusiastic audience was present.

Vocal Numbers

The first numbers by Paul Langlais included:
1. Brunette J. B. Weckerlin
Le Petit Grecoire Th. Botrel
Pain polaire Th. Botrel
Maman dit-moi J. B. Weckerlin
The sweet quality of his voice as revealed in these numbers showed all the fervour and romance characteristic of the French. In his second group Paul Langlais was heard to best advantage in A la Claire Fontaine and Carillon. The other numbers of this group were:

Chanson de Fortunio Offenbach
Bergère Legère Weckerlin
La Mère Danton Weckerlin
Marianne s'en va-t-elle Weckerlin
These songs were sung with a deep emotional feeling, though they presented marked contrast to one another.

Piano Selections

Warren Hurd at the piano played two groups of selections which included:

Liszt Liszt
Schumann Liszt
Debussy Liszt
Palmgren Liszt
Chopin Liszt
Beethoven Liszt
Schubert Liszt
Of all these pieces Warren Hurd was best heard in the Sonata of Beethoven. This monumental work is one of the greatest sonatas and one of the best known by this composer. It has a strong virile emotional feeling and dignity that is characteristic of so much of Beethoven's work. Warren Hurd shows a prolonged study of technique and interpretation in his playing.

Lawrence Hart is a good accompanist, which today is an exceedingly rare thing. He showed himself both adroit and skilful in this art.

The Music Club, in sponsoring these concerts is not only bringing forth talent that otherwise would perhaps be unnoticed, but is also creating both interest and enthusiasm in the best music.

Radio Lectures Are New Local Departure

History Professors Before Hidden Audiences

McGill University is about to enter a new field of activity with the hope of spreading education through a greater area by utilizing the "voice of the air".

Prof. E. R. Adair, of the department of history, will have the privilege of being the first McGill professor to broadcast a lecture over the radio under the auspices of the university.

The first of a series of four radio lectures to be given over Marconi Station CFCF, to be known as the McCord National Museum Lectures, will be given tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The subject will be "French Canada". The lecture will occupy a period of 20 minutes.

Next week Professor W. T. Waugh, Chairman of the Department of History at McGill will discuss the "British Conquest of Canada". The two remaining lectures will be delivered by Asst. Professor T. W. L. McDermot. On December 20th, he will lecture on "Canada before Confederation" and "The Canadian Indian" on the 27th of December.

Erratum

The Glider Club will hold its first meeting this afternoon in Room 33 of the Engineering Building at 5:30, instead of 5 o'clock as was announced in yesterday's Daily.

Rifle Club To Hold Christmas Shoot Tomorrow

Due to numerous engagements the annual Christmas Shoot of the Indoor Rifle Club will be held on Saturday afternoon, December 7th in the Montreal High School Range. For the benefit of new members the procedure is as follows:

Each member of the club turning out to shoot must bring a well wrapped present of commercial value approximating \$0.50. A trick method of scoring may be used. The member obtaining the highest score will choose his prize from the array of presents submitted, followed by the man with the next highest score, and so on.

The Shoot will start at 2:00 p.m. sharp. A large turnout is expected. Come and bring your present. If possible disguise it to look like a bale of hay or any other convenient form.

Ice Breaking Social Talent

Miss Geister Shows Fundamentals of Leadership

STAFF PRESENT

Whole Audience Takes Part in Games and Dances at R.V.C.

A successful social evening was the feature of the visit of Miss Edna Geister, the extraordinarily gifted recreation director, in the Convocation Hall of R.V.C. last night. The large audience took an active part in the games and dances arranged under the able direction of the well known visitor.

Miss Edna Geister, transformed in a few minutes the timid spectators, scattered in the vast Convocation Hall and assembled for the purpose of listening to a lecture on the fundamentals of recreational leadership into a laughing sociable group.

The charming entertainer united the onlookers into a disciplined gathering by directing social games and a few lovely folk dances. Bursts of laughter expressed the delight of the audience. At the close of the meeting the assembled were conversing with each other like with old friends. The self-consciousness and restraint which were quite noticeable at the beginning of the evening changed into ease of manners and sociability.

The members of the staff of the department of Physical Education participated with marked delight in the games and dances. Wit and remarks made by Miss Geister increased the merriment of the joyous audience. The game called "I see a ghost" proved to be very popular, especially because the members of the staff were the sole performers of the game.

At the end of the meeting Miss Geister expressed the hope of paying another visit. Dr. A. S. Lamb thanked the enchanting visitor on behalf of the audience.

Miss Geister is noted on this continent for her exceptional talents as a recreational leader. She was on the War Work Council under the national Y.W.C.A. of the United States from 1917-1919. Besides, she has given courses and special programmes at the leading universities of the Continent. The distinguished visitor has lectured and demonstrated throughout Canada, United States, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

Among those present were Miss Herriott, Miss Slack, Miss Wain, Miss Alexander, Dr. Lamb, Mr. Van Wagner, and Mr. Finlay.

Dr. Maass to Address Physical Society Today

"The Catalytic Effect of Traces of Water" will form the topic of an address which will be given by Dr. O. Maass today in the Physics Building at 5 o'clock, before a meeting of the Physical Society. All interested are invited to attend.

WHAT'S ON

Today
1.00—Arts 33 Picture
Arts 32 Picture
2.00—Mechanical Club Trip
5.00—Physical Society
5.30—Glider Club
Tomorrow
Rifle Club Shoot
Monday, Dec. 9th
Philosophical Society
Banjo Club

Executive For New Magazine Is Appointed

Contributions Sought From All Faculties and Schools

NAMED MCGILLIAD

K. N. Cameron Elected Editor and O. S. Markham Business Manager

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of all those interested in producing the new McGill magazine, financed by the Arts Undergraduate Society, a constitution was drawn up and an executive appointed. K. N. Cameron was chosen editor and O. S. Markham, business manager. The magazine, it was decided, is to be literary but not ultra-modernistic in tone, and, while a definite intellectual level is to be maintained, all well-written articles of general interest will be welcomed.

Managing Board

It was resolved that the magazine be called "The McGilliad", and have a managing board consisting of the editor, the business manager and a representative of the Arts Undergraduate Society. This latter position was filled by Alastair Watt, president of the society. The editor, K. N. Cameron is president of the English Literature Society and Features Editor of the Daily. Markham was editor of the McGill Annual for 1923-24.

The editorial staff is to consist of the editor, an associate editor and two assistant editors. A. M. Klein, at present Prime Minister in the Mock Parliament, was chosen associate editor, and David Lewis and R. Levine, assistant editors. The managing staff is not yet fully organized, but Alan Edson was appointed assistant to the business manager.

Editorial Policy

It was decided at the meeting that contributions should not be restricted to the Faculty of Arts but that the Magazine be as representative as possible of the intellectual life of the university. It is not to be written by a clique and all contributions by students in any faculty will receive considerate attention. The editor stated that he would like well-written articles of general interest from one thousand to two thousand words and short stories of a similar length. Poetry will be used only if of a high standard of literary merit. Articles from students in the graduate faculty are welcome.

Needs Student Support

As McGill, at present, enjoys the unenviable reputation of being the only well-known university in North America, Great Britain or Ireland not possessing a literary magazine, the executive expressed the hope that this new project receive the support of the student body and that all possessing a presentable I.Q. send in manuscripts. Although the editorial (Continued on page three)

Public See McCord Museum On Sundays

New Policy Admits to Special Exhibits

As the result of the successful venture last summer when the McCord National Museum was thrown open to the public on Sunday afternoons through the efforts of the Montreal Historical Association, it has been decided by the university to again open the museum free to the public on Sunday afternoons for an indefinite period.

Under the new policy the public will be admitted next Sunday during the hours from 2:30 to 5 o'clock when special exhibits will be on view. Much new material of historical worth has been received of late by the museum, a great deal of which the public has not yet been privileged to see.

Some of the special exhibits will include Indian relics accorded to a period prior to the coming of the White Man and material illustrating French Canada before the conquest. In addition to this a special room is being devoted to Wolfe and Montcalm, which will include articles of apparel and trinkets of the two great generals.

Members of the Historical Association of Montreal will assist at the Sunday afternoon exhibitions by acting as guides. It is largely due to the efforts of the association that the National Museum is being thrown open to the public on Sunday afternoons.

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GETTING IDEAS ACROSS

WE heard it said the other day in a friendly discussion that education consists in learning to express your thoughts. Just how true this statement is, and how, if it is taken in a broad way, it includes everything that we aspire to in life, is manifest with closer consideration.

Getting our ideas across is something that we all try to do at one time or another. We may be writing a difficult letter, attempting to persuade the dean to let us carry three conditions, or even—making an effort to write an editorial. And the ability to express our thoughts is something that we have to learn if we are ever going to be able our mark in the world.

Just how much depends on this ability we see when we listen to two people debating a question. Each party may know perfectly well what he wishes to say, but to make the other understand it is an apparently hopeless matter. There may thus be really no point of dispute at all. Any form of mental training which will remedy such a situation will be well worth while.

It is at this point that the college or the university should step in. A college education, the bringing out of the capabilities of the individual, includes the development of personal modes of expression, not only by means of the medium of language, but also in terms of action. But as, with the growth of civilization, language has come to usurp much of what in days long ago could be rendered only by deeds, verbal expression has become more and more important, and is now the usual means by which ideas are transmitted. It is for education to perfect the expression of these thoughts.

We wonder how many misunderstandings have arisen in the past, how many golden opportunities have been lost, perhaps how many lives have been sacrificed, just because people couldn't tell others what they had in the back of their minds. Their number must be countless. And how to prevent these happenings, how to check this mental inefficiency? Our only recourse is to educate people to say what they mean so that the other fellow can understand them, to train them to think clearly and accurately and to have a precise and thorough knowledge of their language.

UNKNOWN TALENT

THE fact that there are some very accomplished vocal and musical artists among the student body seems to be unknown, at least judging by the attendance at the second concert given by the Music Club last night. Three Law students, each in his own sphere an able interpreter of his art, gave a concert before a small audience, but they need not be discouraged for they were appreciated by those who were enthusiastic enough to attend.

We admit that to show enthusiasm in these days is rather passe in intellectual circles. We have found also that there are not many who are interested in or can appreciate good music but we hope that the standard of culture will improve as the years go by.

For those who missed the concert last night we would like to recommend to them the concert to be given by the Musical Association on Thursday, December 12th, to which all the musical groups of the university will contribute; and the third concert of the Music Club on the following Thursday, the 19th., which will be given by Mary Munn L.R.A.M. and Dan Munn, sister and brother, blind but distinguished students of McGill.

MORTAL STATISTICS

DURING the last few years Montreal has increased her population by great strides and in consequence downtown and suburban building has increased apace. In a recent issue we published some vital statistics relevant to Montreal and the author likened this city to a record breaker.

Vital statistics may be the correct words to use but we prefer to use mortal statistics. It is all very well to judge a city by its growth in population and claim it to be a record breaker but we believe that the standard of civilization is not marked by birth rate but by infantile mortality.

Alexandria and Cairo were the only two which had prominence over Montreal in birth rate and infantile mortality. These two cities are what are generally known as 'native' cities, that is non-civilised. Excluding these then, Montreal leads the civilised world in birth rate and infantile mortality, not a very great thing of which to be proud. We refer of course to the latter comparison.

If we take the statement that the higher the infantile mortality the lower the standard of civilisation then Montreal of the greater cities in spite of all her big buildings, home conveniences and such marks of material progress, is the city with the lowest civilisation.

The Passing Years

REMINISCENCES OF MCGILL

In thinking over what I might record under the head of "Reminiscences of McGill", I am naturally disposed to contrast the conditions which existed when I took over my duties as Registrar, now almost twenty-eight years ago with those which obtain at present. I may here remark that I was the first Registrar of the University, the duties of the office having been, up to the time of my appointment, performed by the Secretary and Bursar in one person, and first, as regards students. In 1902 the total attendance was 1011. Today there are over 3000, nearly three times as many. It must be understood, that this growth has been due in some measure to the opening of new Faculties and Departments. At the time mentioned there were only five Faculties, the work in one of which (Comparative Medicine and Veterinary Science) was shortly after discontinued owing to lack of support, whereas today there are eight—Agriculture, Dentistry, Music and Graduate Studies having been added in the meantime, as well as eight Departments or Schools—Commerce, Pharmacy, Household Science, Physical Education, Social Workers, Graduate Nurses, the Library School and the School of Architecture.

The attendance in Medicine stands today at 460, whereas in 1902 it was 455. In this Faculty therefore the increase is scarcely noticeable. Nor is the figure reached likely to be greatly exceeded under present conditions, owing to the fact that the number admitted each year is limited to one hundred and twenty-five. It is worthy of note that the attendance in Medicine has been as high as 717, but that was during the years immediately following the Great War, when the rush to college was on, and when the entrance requirements were only Junior Matriculation. Instead of two pre-medical years as at present. Moreover, there was then no limitation of numbers.

In Applied Science there are now enrolled 302 as against 250 in 1902. But the present attendance is small compared with what it has been at times, more particularly after the War. It ran as high as 606 before that event and 670 after. The decrease is accounted for by the fact that the entrance requirements have been raised to Senior Matriculation and is also due in no small degree to the slight demand for graduates in Engineering during the slump which followed the close of the War. This had a deterrent effect on entrance for several years, the result of which is seen in the smaller attendance now in the Senior years. This condition of things will, however, improve as time goes on.

It is in the old Faculty of Arts, however, that the great increase is evident. In 1902 there were only 230 students in attendance; today there are 1276, including those in the Department of Commerce, which is as yet part of that Faculty. This great increase is due in some measure to the fact that for admission to the professional Faculties, Law, Medicine, Dentistry and Applied Science, two preparatory years at least in the case of the first three and one in the case of the last must be taken in the Faculty of Arts except when the Senior Matriculation Examination or its equivalent, has been passed.

There are not a few who contend that there were then better students, that study was more seriously looked upon and that a higher type of graduates was the result. The records do not bear out this contention. It is true, I think, that the students of those days were a little more mature on entering and that consequently they were better able to overcome the difficulties which are invariably associated with the first year in the University. The antithesis of the last year in the High School in almost every respect. There does not however seem to be much difference between the calibre of the students of today and those of twenty-eight years ago.

In the matter of social, athletic and other outside activities there has been, a very considerable change since 1902. If I remember rightly, there were then not more than a half dozen major social events, chiefly dances, during the session. Anything else in this way was of a very mild character. Just before the War and for three or four years after, such a meagre bill of fare would have been scorned. It is pleasant to note, however, that there is much greater moderation in this respect today than there was then and it would seem as if study is, after all, again being recognized as the chief business of the matriculant.

But the greatest change in the attitude of the student body towards University affairs is seen in their general conduct. In the earlier days what would be called "rowdiness" in others was thought to be the correct thing for the student body. A tradition had grown up, not only here, but in every other University in the world, that students were a sort of privileged class who could create disorder, do damage and make themselves a general nuisance in the community without any discredit being attached to their actions. Today wiser counsels prevail and very rarely indeed is anything done by any group of McGill students which can be looked upon with disfavour, either by the authorities or by the general public.

For the first four or five years of my official association with the University the disorder on Convocation Day was most deplorable and unseemly. In those days the meetings were held in the old Windsor Hall, which owing to its shape and method of seating, rather lent itself to unruly demonstrations. What the reason for this rather disgraceful conduct was it is not for me to say, but as already stated some exhibition of the kind was in line with the spirit of the times. During the years in question, there were several Convocations instead of one comprehensive one as at present. The first was always that of the Faculty of Arts, and was consequently attended in large numbers by students of the other Faculties. The Medical Convocation, held in June, was always the last and was a funeral compared with that for Arts. Now, however, that the session in Arts has been lengthened, it is possible to have one general convocation about the end of May, a fortnight after examinations have been concluded. Consequently, and for the reasons mentioned above, the large Convocation now resembles the character of that in Medicine of a few years ago. All of which is most commendable. It is generally felt however that the contrast between the new and the old style is too great. Probably every person would prefer a little more liveliness, not noise for the sake of noise, but apt remarks and appropriate snatches of songs and such like performances. The Convocation in May last approached nearer to what is desirable than has been the case for a long while.

Increase in the number of students means of course a corresponding increase in the number of graduates. At the Convocation held in 1902 only 176 degrees were conferred, whereas in 1929 there were 506; nearly three times as many. It will be noticed that the increase in the number of graduates has kept pace with the increase in students, which would seem to indicate that the wastage of twenty-seven years ago was just as great as it is today.

(To be continued.)

Correspondence

To the Editor,
The McGill Daily.

Dear Sir;

I feel that I must say a few words about the situation of the major sports in this country. I have noticed that it has been decided that no Freshman may "make" a team, but that the 4-year rule has been abolished; this allows star players to continue in a team for a very long time, greatly to the advantage of the University on whose team he plays. But the forbidding of Freshmen to get on a team is really meaningless, although it may prevent men, who come to the University merely for the sake of playing a particular game, from carrying on this unsporting practice; apart from these few unsporting men, comparatively few people in their first year ever get on the Senior teams, and those who do so, thoroughly deserve their honour.

But now there will be no incentive to a promising young star, who, having done without a sport during his first year, (except for comparatively

minor games), will, in his second year, be less keen about making the team, having become older and more blasé. He will also be discouraged to find a number of "perennial" students of possibly ten year's experience above him on the team list. In an extreme case, the team might remain the same (provided it continued to win) until the players began to suffer from senile

Daily Ramble In Parnassus

THE LOOM OF DREAMS

I broider the world upon a loom,
I broider with dreams my tapestry;
Here in a little lonely room
I am master of earth and sea,
And the planets come to me.

I broider my life into the frame,
I broider my love, thread upon thread;
The world goes by with its glory and
shame,

Crowns are bartered and blood is
shed;
I sit and broider my dreams instead.

And the only world is the world of
my dreams,

And my weaving the only happiness;
For what is the world but what it
seems?

And who knows but that God, beyond
our guess,
Sits weaving worlds out of loneliness

Arthur Symons

In Other Days

From The University Gazette, Vol. I,
No. 3, 1873.

We understand that a secret society similar to those in other American colleges, is now being founded in our midst. We are unaware what foundation there is for the report, not having heard the names of those interested.

Bishop's College School

We understand that the Medical students of Bishop's college, the seat of concentrated medical learning which is so successfully attaining its object of helping our Alma Mater, are contemplating a footing dinner. It is to be something very recherche. We hear that vast crowds will attend per chance five or six.

Sports

In place of our regular article on sports we print a sketch by one of the competitors. Our space in this issue (14 pp.) is limited to permit our giving a resume of the games, but this will be done in connection with another subject in the January number. The early snow prevents us having any football news.

Personals.

William Osler, M.D., C.M. '72 who distinguished himself at McGill in Pathology, and obtained a special prize for his thesis on that subject, has been pursuing his studies in Microscopy since that time in London, England, and has made some important discoveries attracting the attention of such celebrated men as Burdon, Sanderson, and others. Last month we hear he left England for the Continent to pursue his studies in Berlin.

decay. According to reports in this paper, there are students of a very long standing at our other Universities, up to now excluded by the 4-year rule, and relegated to a coaching or a similar position in the team, who will now be able to play for teams, they represented a long time ago.

For students taking such courses as Medicine this repeal of the rule is, possibly acceptable; but I am sure that a Med' player, after four years on a team would be quite contented to give up his place to a keen and promising youngster. I hope that our excellent athletic board will think very carefully, before confirming the new plan. May I suggest, that the Freshman rule could be introduced without causing the repeal of the 4-year rule. That would mean that no player could be in a team for more than four years; but that would matter little to those who play the game purely for the sake of the game. The Carnegie commission found that the Collegio games in Canada are really amateur; they must at all costs remain so. So let the Freshman rule be introduced and passed, but let an amendment be brought in by our board, that the 4-year rule should remain on the books.

In addition, may I request that arrangements be made in future, so that the McGill—U. of Montreal Hockey game should count as a "home" game; because it is an inter-collegiate tussle, and many more McGill supporters would turn out were all the U. of M. games rated as "home" games.

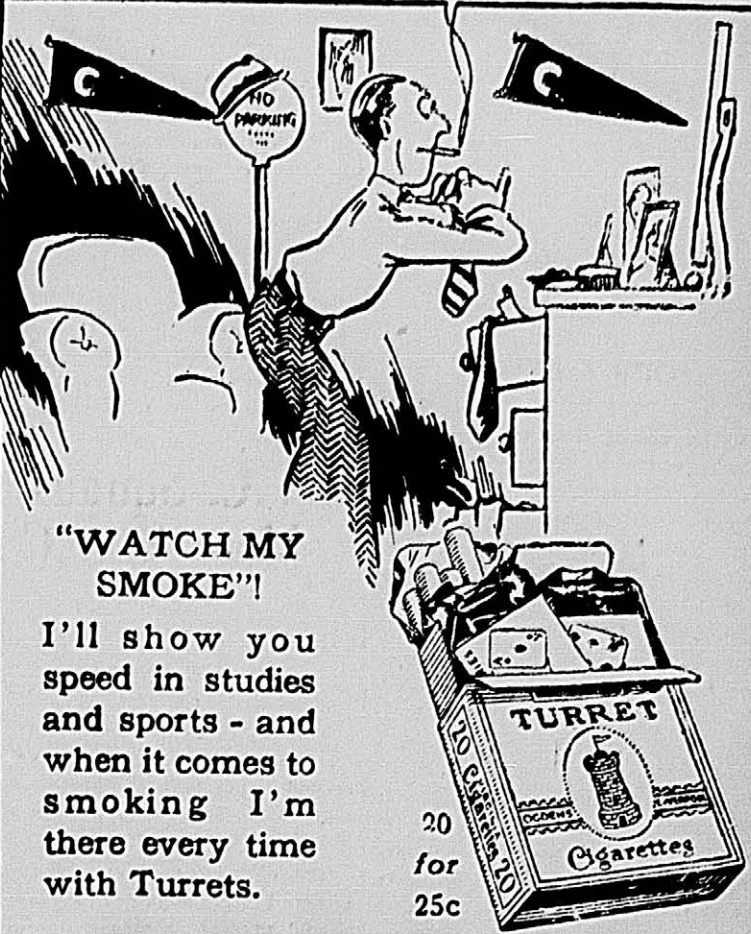
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Boxers Provide Special Bouts For Tomorrow

Coach Light Visits MacDonald College; Enter College Meet

FOUR O'CLOCK

McGill boxing fans will see something worth while if they show up at the Field House this Saturday afternoon at four o'clock. Coach Bert Light has arranged for an inter-collegiate competition to be held with the Y.M.C.A., featuring the appearance of several city and provincial champions. A new boxing ring has been erected in the boxing quarters, and the improved facilities will provide extra excitement for local railbirds.

Prominent on the card tomorrow will be Jimmy Buchanan, 108 lb. city titleholder and one of Bert Light's 'Y' proteges, who will meet Paul Sampson, 118 lb. McGill fighter; Buchanan is well known to McGill fans having fought on several occasions last year in the M.H.S. gym while Sampson has already made a name for himself, being runner-up in the college meet last year.

Bobby Martin, another of Coach Light's pupils and 112 lb. provincial titleholder, will be paired with Tannenbaum a newcomer to the 118 lb. ranks at McGill. In the 126 lb. division, Tam Fyssh, 118 lb. college title holder, will match his skill against Cartwright of the 'Y' a junior champion.

The complete card will be as follows:

118 lbs.—Sampson (McG) vs. Buchanan (Y.M.C.A.)
118 lbs.—Tannenbaum (McG) vs. Martin (Y.M.C.A.)
126 lbs.—Fyssh (McG) vs. Cartwright (Y.M.C.A.)
135 lbs.—McCabe (McG) vs. Banfield (McG)
135 lbs.—Craig (McG) vs. McKen Smith (McG)
135 lbs.—Tim Martin vs. MacGregor (McG)
147 lbs.—Holland (McG) vs. McLean (Y.M.C.A.)

As well as the above bouts the coach will secure one of the Y.M.C.A. heavyweights to pair with Fred Taylor, McGill heavyweight.

MacDonald Notes

Last week, under the direction of the athletic department, Coach Light took a trip to MacDonald to look over the boxing material there. In an interview with the Daily last night the coach stated that there are plenty of promising men and that many of them are eligible for the intercollegiate bouts it looks as if there will be representatives from Mac on the local squad this year as they are all out for road work every morning and are in the pink of condition. Coach Light expects to have about eleven of the St. Annes fighters entered in the college assault-arms and is going out again in the near future. On Dec. 16, there will be a smelter at MacDonald when several McGill men will appear in the bouts which will form part of the evening's entertainment.

Last night's practice brought the news that McGill will be entered in the Junior City championships this year which are run off week by week at the various local athletic clubs; this competition is run off under the auspices of the A.A.U. of C. The heavyweight division has shown marked improvement lately there now being several men in the running; Roger Wilson, senior rugby player is the latest addition to the ranks and is rapidly rounding into shape. Everybody out on Saturday afternoon—four o'clock sharp.

Executive For New Magazine Is Appointed

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board expressed grave doubts as to such a possibility, nevertheless they wish it to be recorded that they hope for readable articles or stories from women students. Past experience they said, has shown the extreme improbability of this, and whatever executive ability McGill women may claim in their desire for representation on the Students' Council, there has as yet been no evidence that they possess any literary talent or even intellectual interest. The R.V.C. is indeed a Desert of the Bozart. However, the editor is earnestly invoking the gods that a cataclysmic change take place.

As was decided at the Arts Undergraduate meeting only two issues are to be produced this year, and these are to be of an experimental nature. If they are a success the magazine will appear next year either as a fortnightly or a monthly. The date of publication has not yet been decided.

Until the magazine obtains definite quarters contributions may be left at the Tuck Shop in the Union.

"Why is acrobatic work so profitable?"
"Easy! Consider the quick turning!"
—Virginia Reel.

Senior Hockey

There will be a practice this afternoon at the Forum from 2 to 3 in preparation for next Monday night's game against Victoria. Coach Small has obtained one of the Railway-Phone teams to workout with seniors this afternoon. The following men are urged to attend: Powers, McTeen, McGillivray, St. Germain, Ward, Robertson, Farquharson, Grant, Hutchins, Painter, Hutchison, Dinan, Mulally, and Klein.

R.V.C. Squads Meet Y.W.C.A.

Local Basketeers Make Second Appearance

The R.V.C. Senior and "Red" Junior basketball squads will make their second appearance of the season tonight at 8 p.m. when they meet the Y.M.C.A. teams at the "Y".

The "Y" have two Senior sextettes in the league this year and should present a strong line-up for tonight's game. The R.V.C. "White" Junior team played and defeated the "Y" Juniors two weeks ago and the "Red" second team is favoured as tonight's winner.

The games have attracted an enthusiastic audience this year and tonight's double-header program should call forth a large crowd.

The line up will be:

Seniors "Red" Juniors	
Centre	
M. Peden	M. Burris
D. Craik	E. Jones
Forward	
W. Chisholm	M. Lynch
J. Baillie	H. Smart
Defense	
D. J. Ross	S. Hay
E. Carter	E. Tamarin
Spares:	
D. Harvie-Jellie, B. Fernyhough, J. Campbell, I. Dawson, D. Bacal, J. Clouston, E. Fairbairn.	

Polo Squad In Brilliant Win

Red Juniors Defeat M.A. Y.R. Club, 4-0

Last night saw the junior polo team score their second win of the season over the M.A.Y.R. swimming club. The game was played at the K. of C. tank, and was well handled by Aubrey Shackell.

Shooting into the deep end for the first half, the Red team succeeded in amassing four goals, while their opponents were held scoreless. Cross, Shaw and French were responsible for these counters.

In the second period, the north end boys tried hard to take advantage of the fact that they were shooting into the deep end. However, the efforts of the McGill defense and goal keeper kept the ball out of the net. McGill were unable to increase their margin in this period.

The teams lined up as follows:

M.A.Y.R.		McGill	
Goal		Wayland	
Defense			
Nissonson J.	Doig		
Axman	Shaw R.		
Half			
Sabill	Spencer		
Centre			
Fargon	Sprenger		
Forward			
Nissonson F.	French		
Axford	Cross		
Sub			
Findberg	Austin		
First Period			
McGill, Cross.			
McGill, French.			
McGill, Shaw.			
McGill, French.			
Second Period			
No score.			

Environment More Important Than Heredity

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of habits, satisfaction and repetition are the two most important factors," said Dr. Bridges. Thus a pleasing thought on action or one often repeated rapidly tends to become a habit.

At this point Dr. Bridges digressed to state that careful modern research seems to indicate that the prevalent idea concerning a common inheritance of mental disease is greatly exaggerated. Mental disease appears in only four percent of 28,000 representative persons included in a survey—about the same percentage in which it appears in the population as a whole. Neither do criminal or delinquent tendencies seem to be inherited for in 500 cases 95 percent of delinquent children made good when transplanted to a favorable environment.

In conclusion Dr. Bridges described a favorable environment as life in a community which provides healthful surroundings and in a happy home in which a rational regime for the training of children is employed.

Fine Prospects This Year For Winter Sports

Intercollegiate Meet Will be Held at the Manoir Richelieu

LARGE TURNOUT

The Winter Outing Club started the season with a well attended meeting yesterday at five, in the Music Room of the Union. The plans for the coming term were discussed and the program of competition was announced.

Bill Ball, ski-captain, opened the meeting. After minor business had been settled he called upon Col. Bovey to outline the program for the winter's activities and particularly the Intercollegiate meet.

Col. Bovey announced that the date for the principal meet had been definitely set and that it was to be held on the 18th and 19th of February. The feature of the meet is that it will be held for the first time at the Manoir Richelieu. The Manoir is an ideal place for a meet, having a 50 and a 30 metre jump, good skiing and skating facilities and one of the fastest bob-sleigh runs in the world.

The bob-sleigh running will be a novelty. Col. Bovey's idea is to furnish a new type of competition between the colleges competing and to develop Olympic Winter Sports material. An expert is being brought to the hotel to coach the aspiring sleigh men.

All arrangements for the meet are in the hands of the Red Birds, the McGill graduates' ski club. The American colleges have been notified and the details of the meet are rapidly nearing completion. If the meet is a success meets will be held there in the future. The president then welcomed the new-comers and gave a short speech. He mentioned the fact that regular competition will be held weekly in all branches of the club's activity. He stressed the need for frequent week-end trips to the Laurentians. The competition will give the skiers excellent practice and will also offer an opportunity to the new men to show their ability.

Snow-shoeing is one of the departments to be encouraged. In the past McGill has lacked strong representation in this division and it is hoped that any snow-shoers who have not yet made themselves known will turn out.

Managers for various branches were elected and are as follows: Speed skating, Fred Anderson; Snow-shoeing, Lochhead; Slalom racing, George Bacon; Cross Country, Chick Davis; Jumping, Walter Houghton and Trips by Carlton Craig.

Badges were then issued and the meeting adjourned.

Commerce '31 Debates Start

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consequently, there will be five debates in the first round. Two of these debates will take place before Christmas, on the 16th, and the 18th, while the others will be run off after the resumption of lectures after the holidays. It was explained that the reason for running two debates off within two days of each other was due to the fact that the Juniors had formed their Society rather late in the session, and it was necessary to get started so as to prevent further delay, and the possibility of letting the debates drag along until near examination time.

The subjects for the debates for next January have not yet been chosen, but the committee, composed of A'tner, Barclay and Beatty will approach Prof. Sugars, Prof. Thompson and Dr. Villard for suggestions.

The following are the dates and teams for the first round:

Dec. 16—Room 79—Andet and G. Taylor vs. G. Collins and Girard.
Dec. 18—Room 15—Neamtan and Heilin vs. Shackell and Hutchison.
Jan. 11—Room 70—Victor and Cohen vs. Weinstein and Kronick.
Jan. 18—Room 70—Altner and Barclay vs. Bell and How.
Jan. 25—Room 70—Beatty and Baker vs. Conklin and Wener.

Takakkaw Falls, Yoho Park
The stream which culminates in the famous Takakkaw falls in Yoho national park, British Columbia, is fed by the melting waters of the Waputik icefield which lies upon the summit of the Great Divide. Flowing down the mountain for over half a mile it reaches the precipice that walls the east side of the Yoho valley. Here it takes an initial leap of 150 feet over the edge, then, gathering itself together, falls in a glorious curtain 1,000 feet down the face of the cliff, and finally tumbles in a magnificent cascade of 500 feet into Yoho river.

First Mate: Cap'n, cap'n! You know that whale what swallowed poor Jack Sparks a few days ago?

Cap'n: Aye.
First Mate: Well, cap'n, he's followin' the ship again, and by the way he's a-lashin' around, I reckon he's after revenge.

—Pennsylvania Punch Bowl.

Sport Notices

Suspension From Athletics
H. H. Warren, ... Com. IV.
H. Freedman, ... Arts IV.

Arts '31 Basketball

The following will turn out at 5.15 this afternoon for the game with Commerce II:—
Shuster, Rubin, Costello, Seltzer, Katz, Dixon, Siminovitch, Cohen, Margolick, and Aronovitch.

Rugby Players

The annual rugby banquet will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at seven o'clock in the Queen's Hotel. Tickets may be obtained from any of the managers; Howard Turner will be at the piano and with the menu which has been arranged the affair promises to be a big success. Get your ticket today!

Commerce '32 Basketball

The following will represent Commerce 32 against Arts 3 tonight at 6 o'clock:—
Williams, Ornstein, Allison, Hollingsworth, Elias, Craig, Devitt, Morris, and Crabtree. All players must report at the gym by 5.50.

Italy Will Cause Crucial Events Within Decade

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In meddling with the Balkans is playing with a dangerous toy, and her game will have to be carefully played if she is to come out of it unharmed.

Italy certainly means business and the one fatal blow would be the death of Mussolini.

Minorities Suffer

Pierre Weissburger then read a paper on "Minorities". He gave an outline of the general situation after the Treaty of Versailles, and the attitude of the Minorities to the countries in whose power they were placed. Most of the Minorities, in Europe, he said, were in such a bad condition after the War that they did not much mind in whose power they were placed, provided they had an opportunity to recover. But today various problems are arising; groups of the same race find themselves under the domination of foreign power. Peoples speaking the same language, but of different nationalities, are put together as a single nation.

As an illustration of his arguments, Weissburger described the position of his country, Alsace. Although from 1648 to 1870, Alsace was under French rule, German was the official spoken language. From 1870 to 1918, Alsace, received many benefits, in education, industry, and particularly in administration, being given her own parliament by Germany in 1911. Catholic schools were tolerated, although Prussia was Protestant. In 1918, however, after the Treaty of Versailles, Alsace was ceded to France who immediately took violent reactionary measures, and abolished all German institutions, assuming that since they were German they were bad. German was no longer allowed to be spoken, and French was substituted instead. Taxation was made excessively high and graft was introduced into most administrative matters.

Alsations Love France

The Alsations however do not hate France; they love her, for she is their ideal, but they do not like her methods. What they want is decentralisation. They would like to become a province of France as Quebec is a province of Canada. There is a certain autonomous party in Alsace and autonomous newspapers; but they are always carefully ignored or suppressed. Notice is only taken of the subsidized French papers which do not express the true Alsatian feelings.

It is, Weissburger said, the duty of the League to enquire into this matter, and put it right. Another case presenting somewhat the same aspects, is afforded by the Austrian Tyrol, which, since 1918, has been under Italian legislation. In that country the hardships of the Tyrolese are somewhat more difficult to bear than those of the Alsations.

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The final event of the 1929 rugby season at McGill will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Queen's Hotel at seven o'clock, when the annual rugby banquet will be held; this method of winding up football activities has always been very popular in the past and as the rugby captain for the forthcoming year is chosen at that time it is of special interest to members of the college teams.

The committee have arranged a fine menu for the function and have secured the services of Howard Turner, former McGill student and one of Montreal's best known pianists to provide the music. Everything is now in readiness and this year's banquet bids fair to eclipse those of the past.

Tickets can be secured from any of the football managers and any players desiring to attend are asked to secure theirs as soon as possible. Any graduates who wish to be present can get tickets from the Athletic Office in the Union.

GOING UP

Advanced Botany classes at North-western are to take an airplane ride over the Indiana sand dunes as part of their required work this semester. The classes have already been many places in the state studying land, plants, and peculiar land formation in their natural surroundings.

—Daily Northwestern.

A certain business man was slowly recovering from a relapse which he had suffered after an operation. The doctor called early that morning and was frankly relieved to find his patient better.

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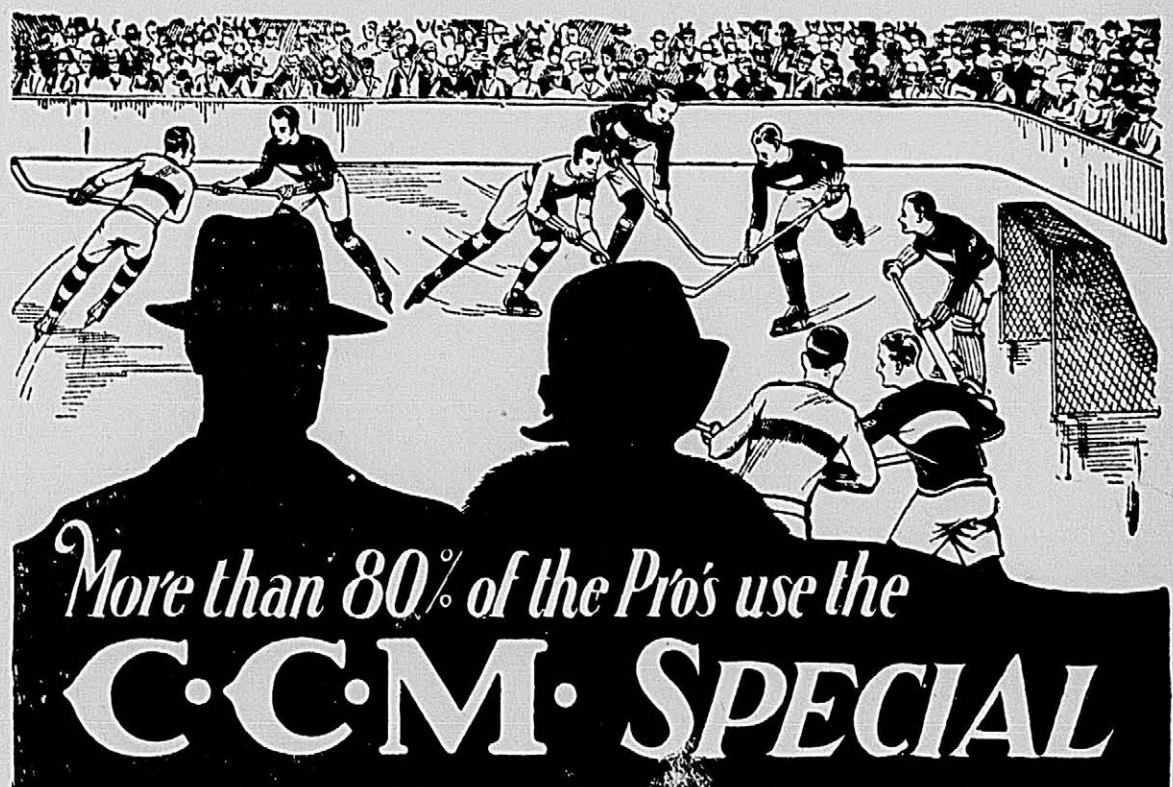
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First Tryouts For "The Funeral" Held

English 13 Students Begin Casting for Play

The first tryouts for "The Funeral," the major presentation by the English Department for this year, were held in Moyse Hall yesterday. Twenty-five students were heard by Miss Gray but further opportunity will be offered to these and any other interested students at a second trial session to be held from two to five o'clock this afternoon.

"The Funeral" written by Richard Steele, is typical of early 18th Century comedy. It calls for sixteen characters, offering ample opportunity to any who wish to develop further any ability for character acting. Practically every role represents a distinct type common to this period.

The class of English Thirteen will again look after the technical aspects of the production.

All students interested in acting are urged to interview Miss Gray at the second tryout this afternoon.

Acoustic Surveying Provides Amusement

Professor Reiley Addresses Physics Colloquium

Professor H. E. Reiley gave the tenth lecture of the "Thursday Colloquium" in Physics in room 210 of the MacDonald Physics Building, at 5 p.m. He spoke on "Acoustical Surveying." Professor Reiley prefaced his lecture with a few words on the wide scope of Acoustical Engineering, and mentioned a few of the leading research-workers in that subject, such as Professor Sabine of Harvard, Chrysler of the Bureau of Standards, and Davis and Reay in England.

The Engineer comes across the most varied and interesting problems and his job is both entertaining and amusing. Professor Reiley cited a man in Montreal, who was building a block of apartments, and who, in order to make them sound-proof, had the idea of lining the gaps between the walls with empty bottles.

At the moment many more men are wanted in the trade, and it is to the young men just finishing their University career, that the world is now looking. When the engineer is given a problem to solve, dealing with the acoustics, the actual solution of the problem is only 25% of the work involved because it is ten to one that the architect or the owners will veto the plan, usually for some economic reason. There are 3 or 4 principal defects in auditoria, of which reverberation of the sound is one of the chief. The problem was first tackled in 1835, but nothing was achieved. In 1896 Lord Rayleigh discovered that a porous substance absorbs sound better than a hard smooth surface, and he produced two mathematical formulae which have since been well established:—"That absorption of sound due to any material in the auditorium, is quite independent of the position of that material in the auditorium." 2—"That the absorption of sound in any auditorium, is independent of the source whence the noise comes." Professor Reiley pointed out that conditions in two auditoria are never exactly the same, because of the differences in equipment, structure, etc. The speaker then discussed an actual problem of acoustics, with which he had to deal. By doing this he was able to give practical illustrations of the various formulae used in the science.

He mentioned that a heavy curtain should never be hung behind a speaker, or a soloist, because it absorbs so much sound that even the performer becomes aware of the fact and feels that he is not giving his best. A solo item in a concert in Moyse Hall had been spoiled thus for those at the back of the Hall last year. An interesting fact is, that, although the upholstery on the chairs absorbs sound when there is no audience, or when the audience is small compared to the seating capacity of the auditorium, when there is a capacity audience, it has no effect at all.

Waterfowl Censuses

The National Parks of Canada, Department of the Interior, and the United States Biological Survey, are co-operating in the taking of monthly waterfowl censuses throughout Canada and the United States. These censuses are being taken in order to obtain information concerning the numbers, distribution, and migrations of wild ducks, geese, swans, and coots throughout both countries for the purpose of aiding in the administration of the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Demand for Wood Steady

Although each year sees more substitutes on the Canadian market, the amount of wood used remains practically constant. This is due to the new uses being continually found for wood, as a result of the great amount of research now being carried on with a view to finding new uses for wood in its natural condition or by modifications, chemically or mechanically.

College Comment

SHIPS, SHOES, SEALING-WAX

While members of the country's moneyed classes ponder sadly over the safety of financial investments, there seems to be no fear as to the advisability of investment in academic institutions. Columbia University has just announced the receipt of over a million dollars from various gifts and bequests.

That such a large sum of money has been accumulated in such a short time, a matter of a few weeks, reflects the range of interests in which the modern university is dealing. In the case of the Columbia bequests, this tendency towards diversification is brought out in bold relief. There is a gift from the Carnegie Foundation for a School of Library Service, a gift for the study of political prognostication, a bequest for research in food nutrition, for research in sub-tropical medicine, and others of equally diversified nature.

The tendency towards such diversification in the fields of college research, while in keeping with the advance of modern science, is fast breaking up what is left of the homogeneity of the university of today. Moreover, it does not seem as if the problem of modern research was being administered in as efficient way as possible. In the welter of new chairs of various sciences which are being founded in the universities of the country, there are bound to be many duplications. Among graduate schools specializing in certain fields there are many whose aims and methods of teaching are the same, yet they are scattered throughout the country. In many cases research in any particular field is carried on at the college in which a donor may be interested, regardless of that institution's particular aptitude for handling problems in that field.

The concentration of the facilities for work in any special field into one institution, which would confine its efforts to research in that particular field, would enable such research to be carried out systematically by the ablest body of men which could be assembled. It would obviate the parallelism which exists in the graduate schools and research laboratories of the country's colleges, and would enable science to pool its resources. Perhaps even most important it would simplify the administration of the modern college, which of recent years has become a monster of unwieldy proportions.

—Harvard Crimmon

THE TAKING OF BATHS

The principal thing that is wrong with this world we live in, according to Ezra Peck, is that there isn't time to stop and think any more. Our minds, our bodies, and even our souls are geared up to such a speed that when we sight a tumbling brook or a maple tree in autumn foliage we have an impression of pleasure, but we pass hurriedly on, and the sensation does not last. For this reason, old Ezra will have nothing to do with motor cars, and when he travels it is behind a venerable gray mare, who frequently stops to graze along the wayside, allowing her master plenty of time for observation and meditation.

While the opinions of the Douglas county sage may be unduly influenced by the lethargy of age, there is nevertheless an element of truth in his criticism. There isn't much time any more, for a person to let his body rest and his mind ramble. Things are moving too fast.

One institution which has always been conducive to thought and which seems to be passing, is the bath tub. Doubtless in a few years it will be replaced altogether by the shower. There is something of the luxurious about a bath tub. You climb into warm, soapy cleanness and let your body go limp. A feeling of rest and leisure comes over you. Then it is that your mind begins to work, and you begin to philosophize rather elementarily, probably, on the ways of the world. You wonder if perhaps you haven't been trying to go just a little bit too fast, and if you wouldn't get a little more enjoyment if you slowed down a bit and observed a little more. This train of thought continues until the water gets cold.

This is the way baths should be taken—not just a hurried shower for the mere material purpose of getting clean, but for the more cultural one of preserving and developing thought.

—Oregon Em raid

IN THE NEW YORK MANNER

Where to go when one's college dormitory is padlocked? This is the poignant problem which confronts eighty students at the University of Michigan, thanks to an untimely raid by the local authorities, in the course of which a quantity of spirituous liquors were found hidden in the attic of the dormitory.

The cry of protest which goes up as a result of the remarkable punishment meted out by the college to the offenders seems very well justified. Certainly not all those evicted could have been interested in the hidden cache, but the college has decided that all shall share a similar fate. Just at the time when the rugs have been laid on the floor and the furniture has begun to assume its natural air—then does the iron band of the

law drive the exiles out into the world to seek a new lodging. While the affair makes admirable copy for metropolitan newspapers and will amuse countless burghers in numerous cities, the students involved must have sentiments much akin to those of the banished Huguenots and the Moors of Spain.

If the fingers of guilt can be pointed at only a few of the exiles it is hard to discover the point of exacting such a harsh penalty. If, on the other hand, the whole group are guilty, it seems thoughtless of the college authorities to leave eighty landlords of the peaceful city of Ann Arbor to the mercy of such Baathabian roomers.

—Harvard Crimmon.

Notices

Notices must be legibly written and be in the McGill Daily office before eight o'clock on the night previous to publication. Brevity is essential. Under no circumstances will notices be accepted over the telephone.

ARTS '33 PICTURE

The picture of Arts '33 will be taken today at one o'clock on the steps of the Arts Building. It is imperative that every member be there and on time.

POLITICAL ECONOMY CLUB

The next meeting of the Political Economy Club will take place on Thursday, December 12th at 8:15 in the Men's Smoking Room of the Arts Building. "Palestine and the British Mandate" will be the topic. L. Rubin and G. Nelles, B.Com., will deliver the papers. Refreshments will be served. All interested are invited to attend.

CHORAL SOCIETY

The regular weekly practice of the Choral Society will be held on Thursday evening, December 12th at 8 p.m. in the S.C.A. Room of Strathcona Hall. All those interested and all members are invited to attend.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the McGill Philosophical Society will be held in the Faculty Room of the Arts Building at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9th. Associate Professor A. H. S. Gillson, M.A. of the Department of Mathematics, will lead the discussion on the chapters dealing with "Gravitation" in Eddington's book "The Nature of the Physical World". It is suggested that those attending make themselves familiar with chapters 3-7.

All members of the Faculty and student body are invited.

SENIOR PICTURES

Will all the McGill Seniors take note that from now on until after Christmas all photos are taken by special arrangement. Call Notman's and arrange the hour. Before doing so be sure and get your receipt from your class representative on the payment of your three dollars.

ARTS '32

Members of Arts '32 will find a print of the class picture in Bill's office, where orders will be taken and money received today only. Prices: 75 and 50 cents.

CLASS PRESIDENTS

Arrange with your class for the annual group photograph to be taken by the Street Photo Supply on Bleury Street. Tel. Ha. 9757 as soon as possible. Telephone and make your arrangements as to time and date.

ARTS '31

Members of Arts '31 who have not yet paid the 15 cents which will help to make up the sum necessary to pay for the class picture are requested to do so to any of the executive as soon as possible.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PLAY
The English Department play for the second term is now under way. The presentation will be an early eighteenth century play. Students who wish to take part in the production are asked to meet Miss Leora Gray in Moyse Hall on Thursday and Friday afternoons from two to five o'clock.

WESTERNER'S ATTENTION

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BE ASSURED

Birks have stated that the class pins will be delivered Friday the 12th. Arts '32. This means that you will get them Monday the 16th at the latest.

M.W.S. BADMINTON CLUB

Notice is hereby given that members who have not paid their fees by Tuesday next, December 9th, will be automatically dropped from active membership, will lose their tournament rights as active members, and will be subject to the 10 cent levy for every meeting they have attended.

ARTS '31

The prints of the class picture are posted on the wall in Bill's office, where orders may be placed. Unmounted: 50 cents; Mounted 75 cents.

MECHANICAL CLUB

A trip will be made by first and second year men to the Montreal Locomotive Works this afternoon. Meet in the Common Room of the Engineering Building at two o'clock.

RIFLE CLUB

Members of the Indoor Rifle Club—see other column in regard to Christmas Shoot tomorrow.

GLIDER CLUB

There will be a meeting this afternoon at 5:30 in Room 25 of the Engineering Building. It is requested that every one do his utmost to be present, as important plans for the future will be discussed.

PHYSICAL SOCIETY

A meeting of the Physical Society will be held in the Physics Building at 5 o'clock today. Dr. O. Maass will address the Society on the subject, "The Catalytic Effect of Traces of Water". All interested are invited to attend.

SUSPENSION FROM ATHLETICS
H. H. Warren—Com. IV, H. Freeman—Arts IV.

ARTS '32 EXECUTIVE

A meeting of the Entertainment Committee of Arts '32 will be held in the smoking room of the Arts Building at one o'clock today. Bill Sellar, E. Cockerton, E. Douklind, and Davis Lloyd please note.

BANJO CLUB

There will only be two more practices before the concert, one on Monday at 5 o'clock, and the other on Wednesday at 7:30. It is imperative that everyone be present at both practices.

R.V.C. '31 PICTURE

Will all those who signed for the R.V.C. '31 picture please give the money for them to Mary Hill before next Tuesday—50 cents unmounted and 75 cents mounted.

BANDSMEN

A special practice is being called for 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Union hall room. Every man is requested to be out on time, as Mr. Morris will be present and the whole program is to be gone over.

FORGOTTEN TEXTBOOK
Please return forgotten Newell chemistry textbook to Bill Gentleman's office, in the Arts Building, as soon as possible.

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A Montreal High School Class pin for 1928, on or about McGill grounds. Finder please return pin to Bill Gentleman.

A gold fountain pen on Tuesday between R.V.C. and the Arts Building. Will finder please return to Hylands at R.V.C.

A cut steel buckle at Informal Nov. 22. Finder please return to R.V.C.

Blue Parker pencil, somewhere between the Engineering Building and the Union, or in the Engineering Building itself. Will the finder please return to "J" Gentleman.

One black fountain pen, in room 21 of the Arts Building, at 9 o'clock Friday morning. Finder please leave with Bill Gentleman.

Will the person who took a silk square by mistake from an overcoat outside Lecture Room A in the Medical Building on Dec. 3rd, between 4 and 6 p.m., please return to Crawford in the Med. Building?

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A gold wrist watch lost on Sherbrooke St. between Peel Street and Park Ave. Finder please communicate with H. J. Daran. Telephone Gr. 1674.

Found

Ladies gold brooch in the wash room of the Arts Building last Saturday morning. Apply Bill Gentleman.

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"Och Aye," he added in Latin, "lukit funae people. Ael waken hup!" So saying he pulled the whistle cord and shrieked a warning to the terrified inhabitants who came running out fastening their braces and munching toast.

The army was now ready to land in the customary manner by swimming ashore. But when they came up in their bathing suits and tasted the nip of an English Spring they ran back to the radiators to get warm.

Only a Standard-bearer remained on deck, his knees knocking with the cold. Grasping the Roman Standard he poised for a moment on the springboard and then dived.

The others, shamed, followed the Standard, and so it was that Caesar came to Britain and the Standard led his men to Victory.

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